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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Prior Application: H. WATANABE et al
Serial No. 10/292,003
Filed: November 12, 2002

Group Art Unit: 2832
Examiner: R. Barrera
For: SUPERCONDUCTING MAGNET AND MAGNETIC
RESONANCE IMAGING APPARATUS USING THE
SAME

REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53 (b)

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 10/292,003, filed on November 12, 2002, entitled SUPERCONDUCTING MAGNET AND MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING APPARATUS USING THE SAME, by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed.
2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW
PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Basic Fee							\$	750.00
Total Claims	1	-	20	=	0	x	18	= \$ 0.00
Independent Claims	1	-	3	=	0	x	84	= \$ 0.00
Total Filing Fee							\$	750.00

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3. A Credit Card Payment Form including the amount of \$750.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.

4. **Cancel claims 2-9 before calculating the Filing Fee.**

5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

6. Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line:

--This is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 10/292,003, filed November 12, 2002; which is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. Serial No. 10/170,392, filed June 14, 2002.--.

7. New formal drawings are enclosed, nine (9) sheets, Figs. 1-18.

8. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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Please associate this application with Customer No. 24956.


9. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd. and Hitachi Medical Corporation.

10. Priority of the following Japanese patent applications is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

No. 2001-275895, filed September 12, 2001; and
No. 2002-266204, filed September 12, 2002.

The certified priority documents have been filed in a prior application.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present continuation application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 10/292,003, as originally filed on November 12, 2002.


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